

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
NOVEMBER 18, 1953

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 8:00 o'clock p.m. of Wednesday, November 18, 1953; Councilmen Hillman, Preszler, Rinn, Robinson and Richey (Mayor) present; none absent.

Minutes of the previous meeting of November 4, 1953, were approved as written and mailed.

COMMUNICATIONS

LETTER FROM
ELEM. SCHOOL
BOARD RE
PLEASANT AVE.
STREET LIGHT-
ING DISTRICT

Letter from Mr. Leroy Nichols, Superintendent of Schools, stating that the Trustees of the Elementary School District wished answers to the following questions:

(1) Will there be a street lighting district formed for South Pleasant Street?

(2) In case lights are installed on the Lodi Elementary School property on either side of Pleasant Street, when will the City expect payment from the school district?

Mr. Nichols, being present in the audience, addressed the City Council to say that while the Elementary School Board was not opposed to progress, it was financially embarrassed at the present time. He added that the increase in enrollment was greater than anticipated and the Board wanted the tax money to go toward erection of badly needed buildings. Mr. Weller replied that inasmuch as a petition had been received by the Council bearing the necessary number of valid signatures requesting the initiation of a street lighting district, the district would probably be formed. He also stated that the law clearly provided that the School Board could levy a tax in excess of its statutory limit to cover the amount of the special assessment. This provision makes it possible for the Board to meet the special assessment without reducing the funds available for educational purposes. He further added that in this instance the additional levy would be something less than one cent per hundred assessed value. City Attorney Mullen added that this provision was placed in the statutes in order that schools might cooperate and develop with the community.

EMERSON SCHOOL
GROUNDS

The letter from Mr. Nichols also contained the statement that the Trustees of the Elementary School Board were unable to establish a period of time that the Recreation Commission might use the grounds at Emerson School. The Board had taken the matter under advisement.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

PURCHASE 12 FEET OF BAKER PROPERTY FOR STREET WIDENING	Mr. Weller reported that the owners of Lot 1 of the Resubdivision of Block 4, Hutchins Addition to Lodi, had offered to sell the north 12 feet of said lot to the City to permit the widening of Lodi Avenue from School Street west to the alley between School and Church Streets. Mr. Weller recalled that the City has been interested in acquiring this 12-foot strip as a means of correcting the jog in Lodi Avenue at this point. Mr. Weller pointed out that the situation in this instance was unique in that the acquisition of the land necessary for the street widening would cause damage to a structure. For this reason the established policy of requiring the donation of land for street widening purposes would not hold true. He stated that he had negotiated with the owners and had reached an ultimate price of \$5,500. This price was based upon the cost of moving the house and placing it upon another residential lot. On the motion of Councilman Rinn, Preszler second, the Council voted to accept the offer of Mr. Baker and to authorize the City Clerk to accept the deed in behalf of the City.
ORD. NO. 500 INTRODUCED AMENDS BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE	Mr. Weller presented a proposed amendment to the Business License Ordinance (Ordinance No. 375) as recommended by the Chief of Police and drafted by the City Attorney. The proposed amendment would place more stringent requirements upon fortune tellers, astrologers, peddlers, and solicitors by requiring such information as: description of work or product to be sold, credentials from employer, description and license number of vehicles used in work, photograph and fingerprints of applicant, and a statement regarding any possible convictions for law violations. Ordinance No. 500, entitled "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 375 Being Entitled, 'Licensing for Purpose of Revenue Certain Professions, Businesses, Trades and Occupations in the City of Lodi', by Amending Section 15 Thereof", was then introduced on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Rinn second.
CENTURY MANOR ADDITION	The City Manager presented a petition requesting the annexation of approximately 17 acres of uninhabited territory lying north of the Corinth Tract and south of Century Manor Subdivision. The petition contained the signatures of all of the owners of the land involved. Approval of the boundary description had been secured from the County Boundary Commission prior to the filing of the petition with the City Clerk. Resolution No. 1779, declaring the intention of the City Council to annex the territory contained in the petition, was adopted on the motion of Councilman Rinn, Hillman second. January 6, 1954 was set as the date for the public hearing.
RES. OF INT. NO. 1779 ADOPTED	Claims in the amount of \$62,173.68 were approved on the motion of Councilman Preszler, Robinson second.
CLAIMS	ORDINANCE NO. 499, "AMENDING THE OFFICIAL DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF LODI AND THEREBY REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST, M.B.D. & M., TO BE IN THE R-1 DISTRICT", having been introduced at the regular meeting of November 4, 1953, was brought up for passage on the motion
ORD. NO. 499 ADOPTED PALM AVE. REZONING	

of Councilman Preszler, Robinson second. Second reading was omitted after reading by title, and was then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - Hillman, Preszler, Rinn, Robinson and Richey

NOES: Councilmen - None

ABSENT: Councilmen - None

Mayor Richey then signed Ordinance No. 499 in approval thereof.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

CPC APPROVE CENTURY MANOR ANNEXATION

Mr. Weller read a memorandum from the Secretary of the City Planning Commission containing excerpts from the minutes of the Commission meeting of November 9, 1953. In the first item of the memo the Secretary reported that the Planning Commission found that the area included in the petition for annexation of the Century Manor Addition was suitable for annexation.

EAST LODI AVENUE SET-BACK LINE

The question of the set-back line on the north side of East Lodi Avenue from the Southern Pacific Company right of way to Cherokee Lane was discussed and referred back to the City Council for a determination of the feasibility of relocating the California Central Traction Company railroad line from East Lodi Avenue. In the discussion which preceded the action by the Commission, it was pointed out that the Traction Line interferes with the ideal conditions necessary to use of East Lodi Avenue as a major street. If the Traction Line were removed, a traffic interchange could be developed at the intersection of Lodi Avenue and the proposed Highway 99 By-pass, thus providing the main traffic distribution for highway traffic on Lodi Avenue. The Commission felt that the disposition of the Traction Line was a political question which should be determined by the City Council before action by the Planning Commission. Councilman Robinson stated that he believed the Planning Commission had misunderstood the request from the City Council. He stated that the City Council was concerned that if at some future date it should be found that East Lodi Avenue should be widened, the City would not have the added expense of moving a number of buildings which had been built in the intervening period. He stated that it would be ideal if the tracks could be moved, but pointed out that it would be out of the question to demand the removal of the Traction Company from the City since the economy of the City requires the competition furnished by the Traction Company. Councilman Robinson then suggested continuing the set-back established on West Lodi Avenue of 36 feet north of the Section Line. This would allow an additional 11 feet for future widening. He added that the passage of an ordinance to this effect at this time would give the Planning Commission more time to study the problem and provide the protection from building construction in the 11-foot strip in the meantime. Councilman Robinson moved, Preszler second, the introduction of Ordinance No. 501, providing for a set-back line on East Lodi

ORD. NO. 501 INTRODUCED

Avenue, established at 36 feet north of the Section Line. Councilman Hillman stated that he felt the matter was not too urgent and should be referred back to the City Planning Commission. Councilman Rinn suggested that the ordinance could be introduced at this meeting, the matter referred to the Planning Commission, and a report from the Commission could be had at the next meeting of the Council, at which time the ordinance could be adopted or abandoned. The Council then voted to introduce Ordinance No. 501.

CITY HALL
OFFICES
CLOSE ON
SATURDAY

Councilman Robinson raised the question of closing the offices in the City Hall on Saturdays. He pointed to the fact that the banks are now closed all day Saturday. Mr. Weller stated that the present practice of maintaining a skeleton staff in the Finance and Engineering Departments requires the payment of a certain amount of overtime. He pointed out that emergency calls could still be made as in the past by calling the Water Works. On the motion of Councilman Preszler, Robinson second, the Council voted to close the offices in the City Hall on Saturdays except in unforeseen emergencies.

PLEASANT AVE.
WIDENING

Mr. Leroy Hoffman addressed the City Council from the audience to ask what progress was being made in the widening of South Pleasant Avenue from Lodi Avenue to Chestnut Street. Mr. Weller replied that a wall had been constructed on the property owned by Dr. Leiske prior to the time the matter came before the City Council, and it would be too costly to tear this wall down to make way for the widening.

PLEASANT AVE.
PARKING
RESTRICTIONS


Mr. Hoffman then asked if it would be possible to restrict parking to one side of the street on Pleasant Avenue between Lodi Avenue and Chestnut Street, as the street in this block is too narrow to permit two-way traffic when cars are parked on both sides. Mr. Weller agreed to investigate the possibility of establishing no parking zones on alternate sides of the street or restricting parking to one side only.

LODI AVE.
TRAFFIC

Councilman Robinson stated that people are still making left hand turns from the westbound traffic lanes on Lodi Avenue into the Sell Rite Market. He suggested that further steps be taken to correct the situation. The Council agreed that the traffic buttons be installed in the center of the street as a means of discouraging left hand turns at this point.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

ATTEST:


City Clerk